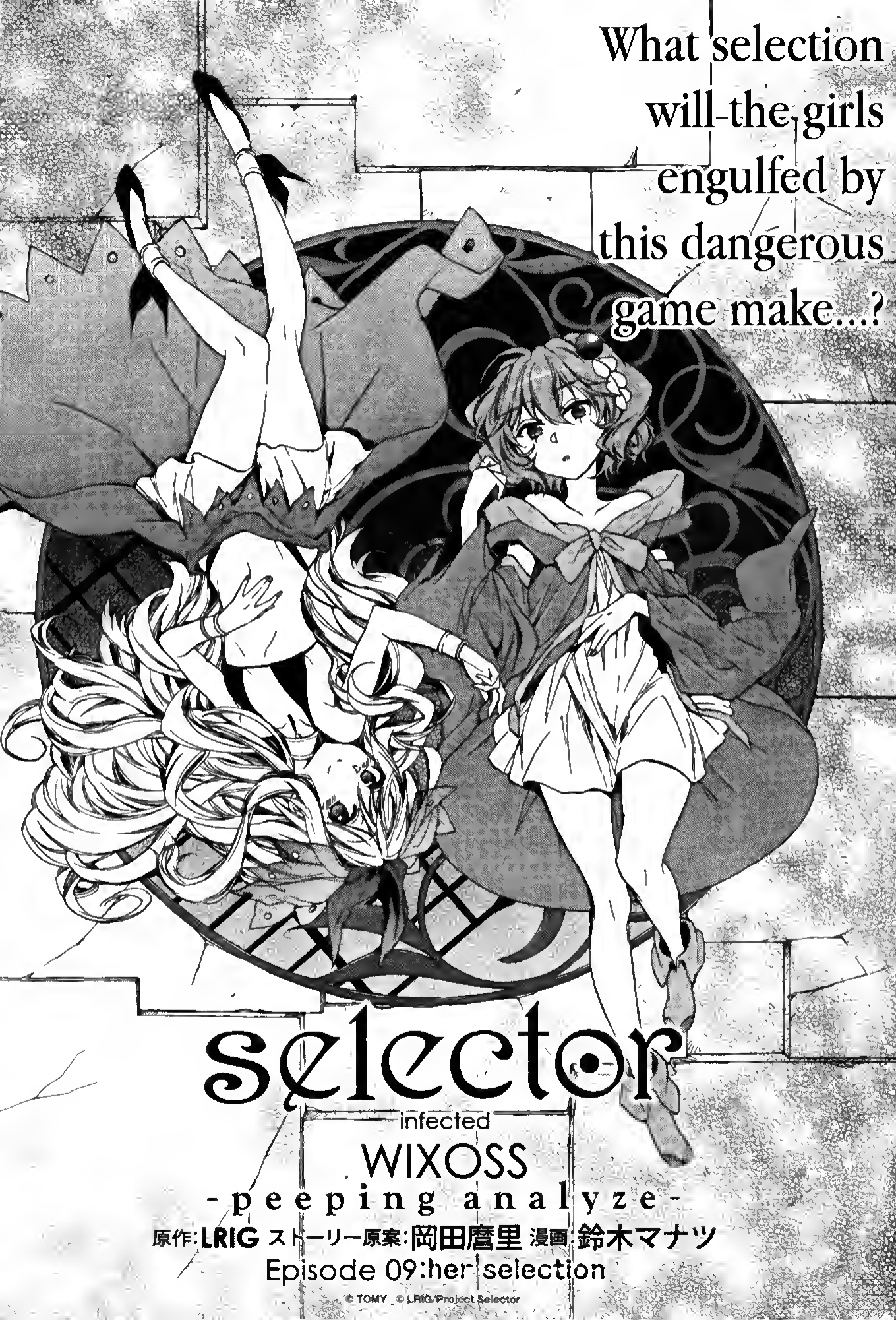

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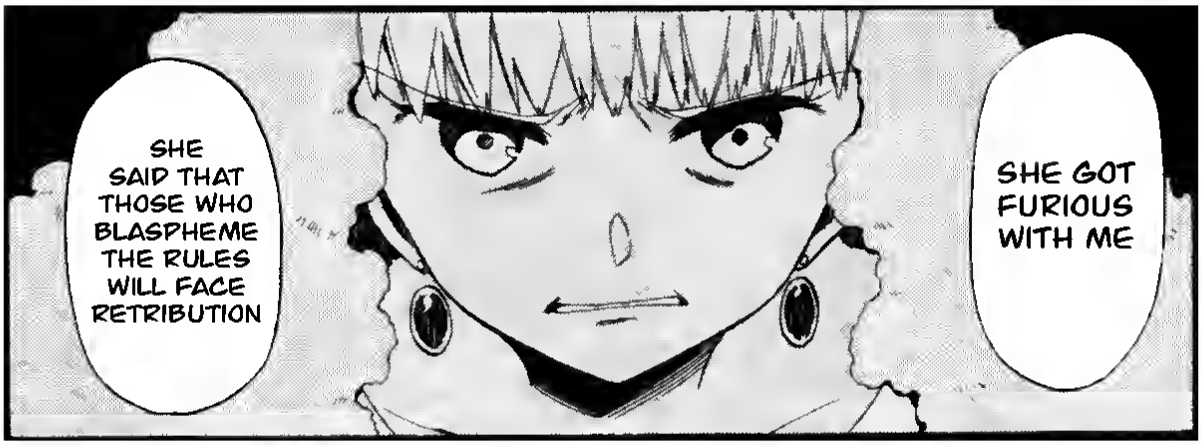
WHOO
YOU'LL CHANGE...
WHOO
YOUR WISH?
FU FU
SO LONG AS YOU WISH IT FROM YOUR HEART IT WILL BE ACCEPTED
HOW-EVER...
AS I SAID, THE ONE GRANTING IT WILL BE PIRULUK-CHAN...
A CHILD CAN'T MAKE A MIRACLE HAPPEN, YOU KNOW

FOR EXAMPLE, IF I WISHED "TO BE POOR", AND THEN LOST ON PURPOSE, WOULD THAT MAKE ME RICH
I EVEN ASKED HER MYSELF
SELECTOR BATTLES HAVE RULES... THEY HAVE LAWS
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO CHOOSE OUR WORDS IN SUCH A WAY THAT DEATH COULD NOT SAVE HER, LIKE SAYING YOU WISH TO HEAL YOUR MOTHER


SHE SAID THAT THOSE WHO BLASPHEME THE RULES WILL FACE RETRIBUTION
SHE GOT FURIOUS WITH ME

CLENCH
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS...
WHO KNOWS?
...KNOWING THAT, WHAT KIND OF WISH COULD YOU POSSIBLY HAVE TO BECOME A SELECTOR AGAIN? ARE YOU INSANE?

PEEPING ANALYZE!
PWOOO
JERK
!?
...IN THAT CASE
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS PEEK!
...
YOU WANT TO RETURN TO YOUR ORIGINAL BODY?

...OH?
SO THAT'S YOUR POWER, PIRULUK-CHAN
FUFU, IT'S AS USELESS AS YOU ARE
...
EVEN IF THIS GIRL DOESN'T GRANT MY WISH, IF I JUST FOLLOW THE RULES IT'LL BE GRANTED ON ITS OWN
IF YOU REALLY WANT A WISH GRANTED YOU CAN'T GO RELYING ON OTHERS~
THE WAY YOU SAID THAT ANNOYS ME
THAT'S RIGHT... I WANT TO RETURN TO MY ORIGINAL BODY. I HATE HAVING TO BE IN KIYOI-CHAN'S BODY
I'LL WIN AND BECOME A LRIG. THEN I'LL APPEAR BEFORE THE FORMER LRIG WHO'S USING MY BODY NOW... THEN ALL I NEED TO DO IS WIN ENOUGH SELECTOR BATTLES AND I'LL BE DONE
BUT WHATEVER, I CAN'T COMPLAIN IF IT MEANS I GET A BODY WITH NO OBLIGATIONS
KIYOI-CHAN'S BODY ISN'T THE SLIGHTEST BIT CUTE, ARE YOU SUUURE?
...

PISS OFF

PIRULUK-CHAN...
AS FELLOW VICTIMS, WE'LL BOTH JUST END UP SAD IF WE FIGHT
EVEN I'M A VICTIM OF THESE SELECTOR BATTLES

...?

HAVEN'T WE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE LONG AGO?
PLEASE DON'T SPEAK LIKE THAT, 'KAY? PIRULUK-CHAN

...I'VE ALREADY DECIDED

ANYWAYS, AMIKA-SAN, WHAT'S YOUR NEW WISH?
PLEASE DON'T TELL ME YOU HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF ONE YET
YOU DON'T REMEMBER? WELL, WHATEVER

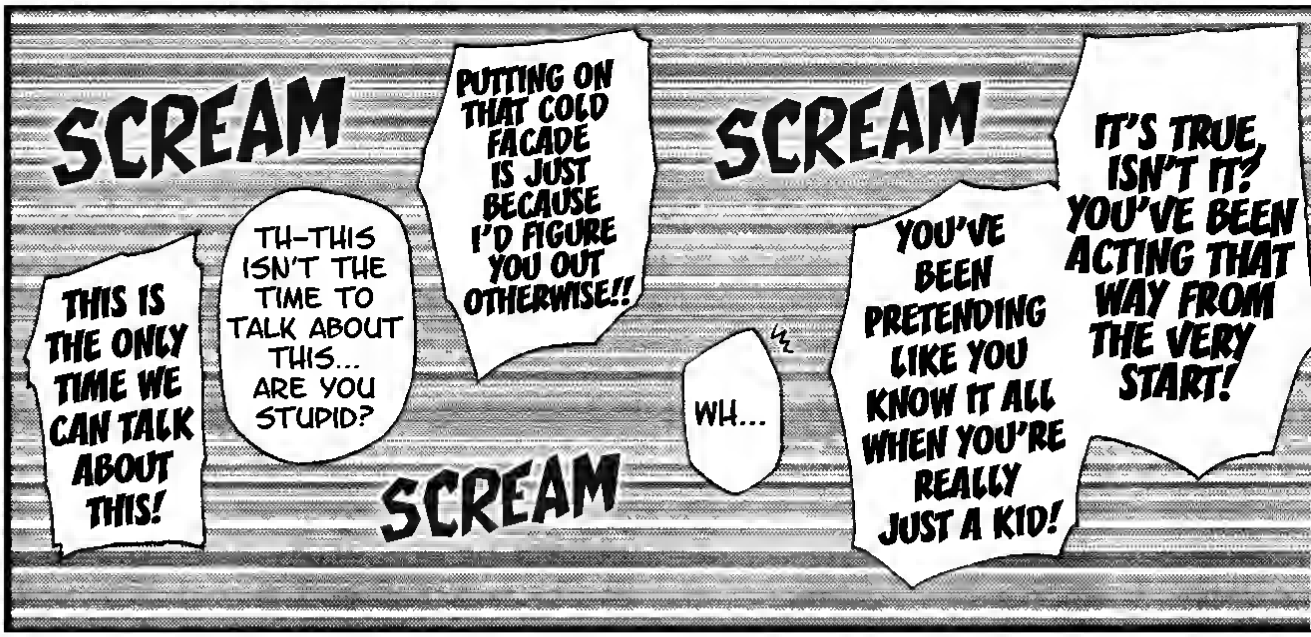
MY NEW WISH
IS TO MAKE PIRULUK HUMAN AGAIN!
!?
HAA?
WITH THIS WISH... THE RULES SHOULD GRANT IT ON THEIR OWN, JUST LIKE YOURS
AMIKA! WHAT ARE YOU...
HEH, THAT'S TRUE... BUT I'M SURPRISED
I GUESS YOU'RE JUST GOING TO ABANDON YOUR MOTHER THEN... RIGHT?

ABANDON... HER
I HATE THAT NO MATTER WHAT I CHOOSE MY MOM WILL DIE...
BUT STILL...
IF I DIDN'T CHOOSE ANYTHING... THEN I'D REGRET IT
BESIDES... MY MOM WOULD PROBABLY GET ANGRY AT ME TOO
IN THAT CASE...
AMIKA...

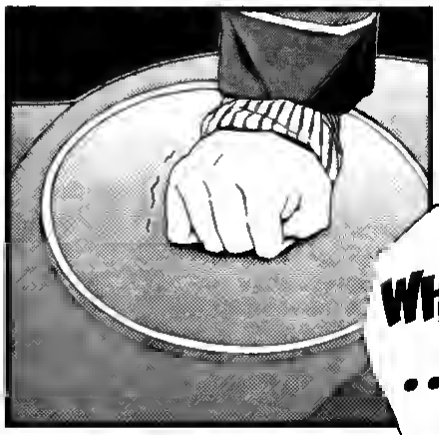
HEY, PIRULUK
NO, I SHOULD BE CALLING YOU KIYOI
WIPE
HOW OLD WERE YOU AS A HUMAN?
...14
YOUNGER, HUH. YOU SURE DON'T LOOK IT... YOU'RE MUCH MORE RELIABLE THAN I AM, AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN RELYING ON YOU
THE FIRST TIME WE MET... AND EVEN JUST EARLIER, YOU WERE TRYING TO MAKE ME QUIT OF MY OWN FREE WILL
...BUT YOU KNOW
RATTLE...
SHAKE
SHAKE
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T REALIZE
YOU'VE BEEN SUFFERING ALL THIS TIME...

FLICK!
LOOMING
RUFFLE
RUFFLE

KIII
OH GOD I'M SO ANGRY!!
SHAKE
SHAKE
YOU'VE KEPT IT FESTERING AND FESTERING AND FESTERING INSIDE YOU!
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!
?
?
?
I'M...
SORRY .....?
I...
"THE LRIG WHO BRINGS MISFORTUNE"?!
POINT
"SACRIFICE EVERYTHING"?!
...WHAT WAS THAT?
GNN
HMPH
YOU ARE JUST COMPLETELY FULL OF YOURSELF!


SCREAM
THIS IS THE ONLY TIME WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS!
TH-THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO TALK ABOUT THIS... ARE YOU STUPID?
PUTTING ON THAT COLD FACADE IS JUST BECAUSE I'D FIGURE YOU OUT OTHERWISE!!
SCREAM
WH...
SCREAM
YOU'VE BEEN PRETENDING LIKE YOU KNOW IT ALL WHEN YOU'RE REALLY JUST A KID!
IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT? YOU'VE BEEN ACTING THAT WAY FROM THE VERY START!

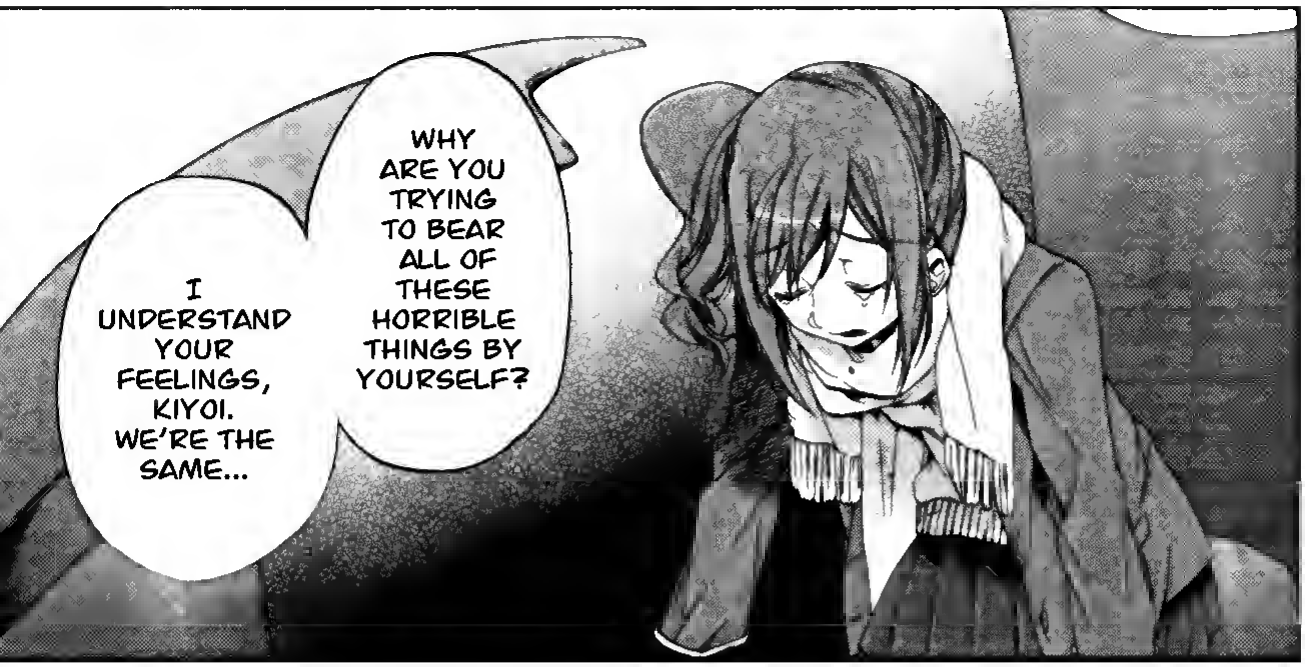
...DUNNO
...WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

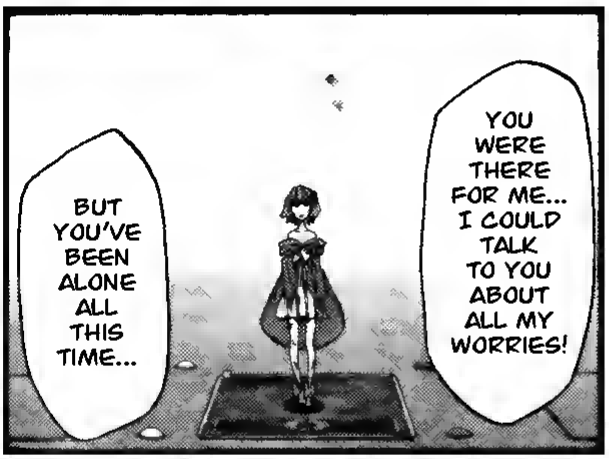


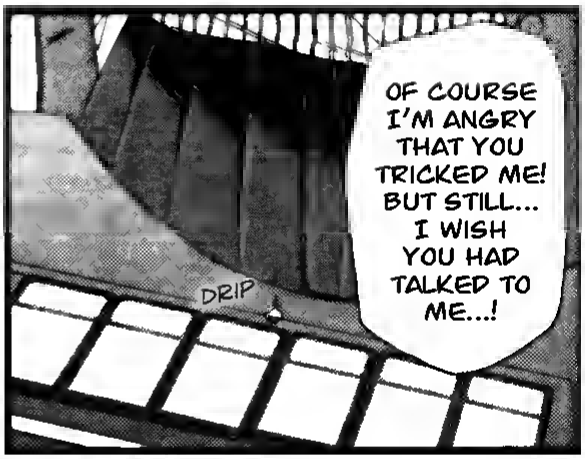
WHY...
THAT'S WHAT I MEAN BY BEING FULL OF YOURSELF!

ANYWAY, MAKING THAT YOUR WISH IS NOT NECESSARY.
I'M A SINNER
AS PUNISH-MENT...

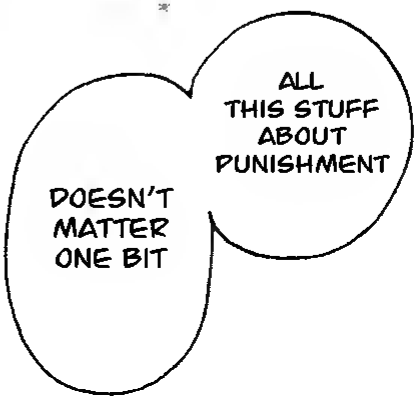
...!

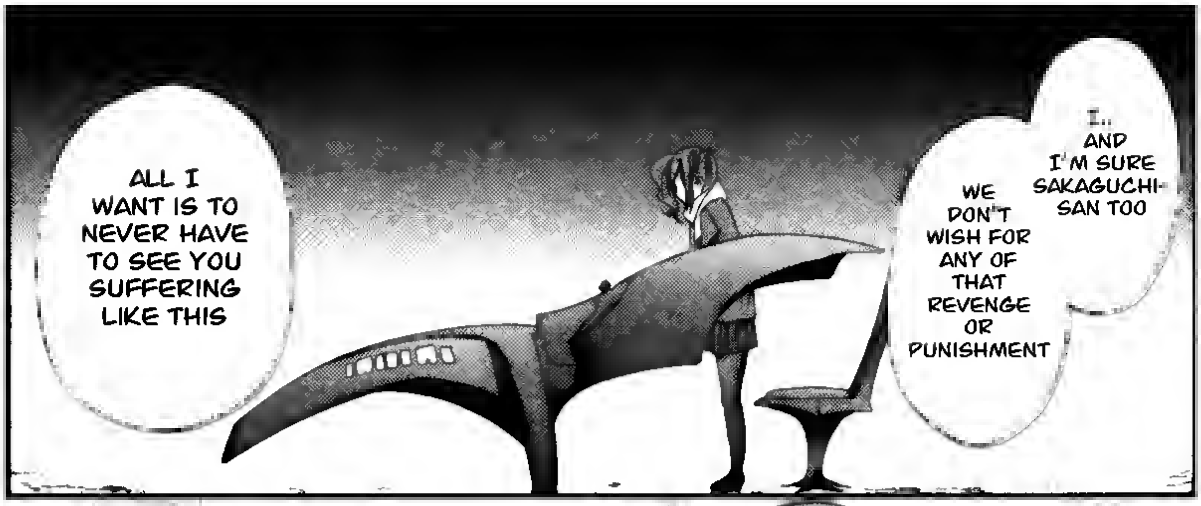

WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO BEAR ALL OF THESE HORRIBLE THINGS BY YOURSELF?
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS, KIYOI. WE'RE THE SAME...


YOU WERE THERE FOR ME... I COULD TALK TO YOU ABOUT ALL MY WORRIES!
BUT YOU'VE BEEN ALONE ALL THIS TIME...


OF COURSE I'M ANGRY THAT YOU TRICKED ME! BUT STILL... I WISH YOU HAD TALKED TO ME...!
DRIP

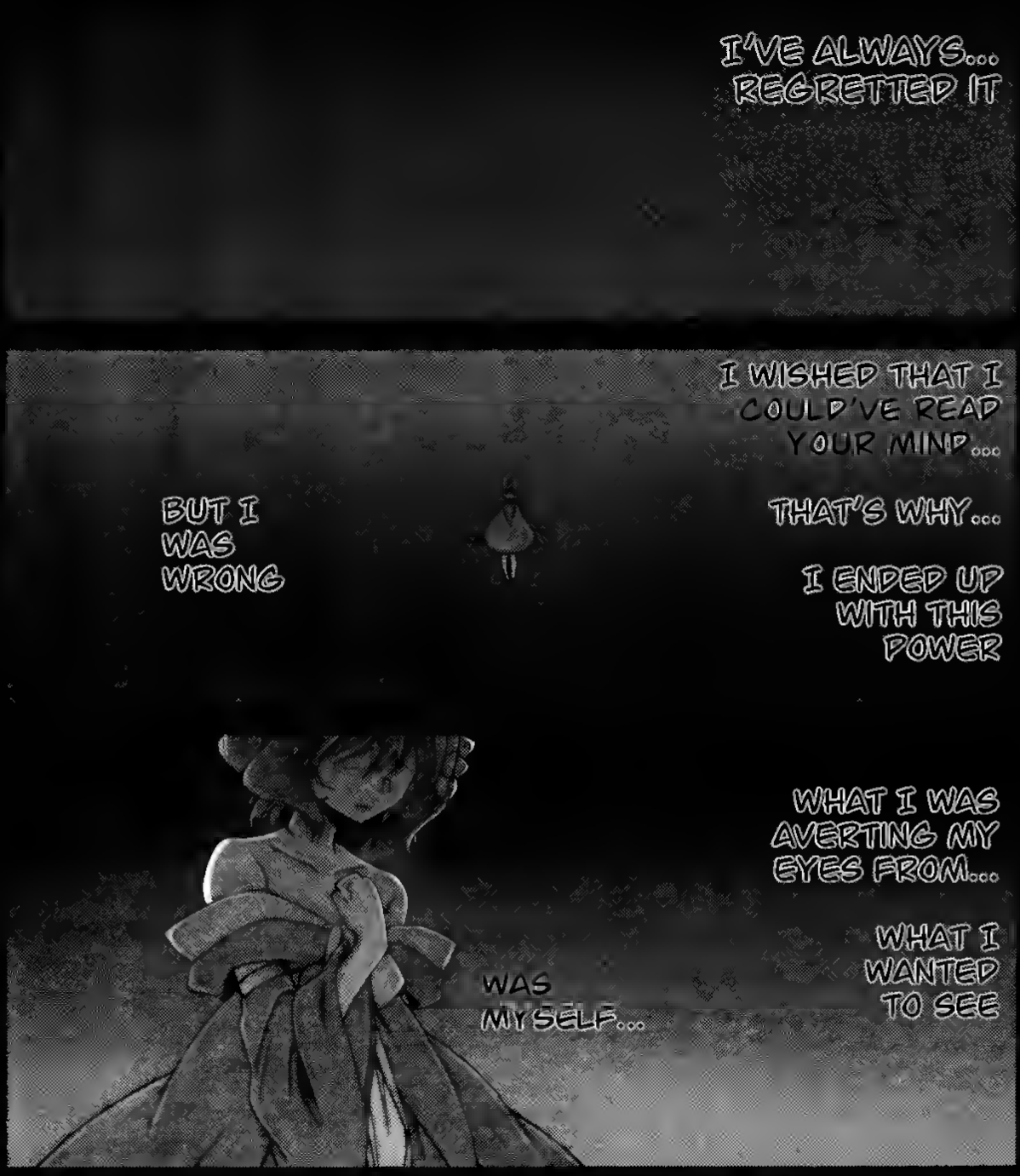
...AMIKA


ALL THIS STUFF ABOUT PUNISHMENT
DOESN'T MATTER ONE BIT


ALL I WANT IS TO NEVER HAVE TO SEE YOU SUFFERING LIKE THIS
WE DON'T WISH FOR ANY OF THAT REVENGE OR PUNISHMENT
I... AND I'M SURE SAKAGUCHI-SAN TOO

BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS

!
SWAY...


I'VE ALWAYS... REGRETTED IT
I WISHED THAT I COULD'VE READ YOUR MIND...
THAT'S WHY...
I ENDED UP WITH THIS POWER
BUT I WAS WRONG
WHAT I WAS AVERTING MY EYES FROM...
WHAT I WANTED TO SEE
WAS MYSELF...

MY OWN... FEELINGS

SAKA-
GUCHI...
I'M
SORRY
WHEN
YOU
TALKED
TO ME
I
WAS
HAPPY

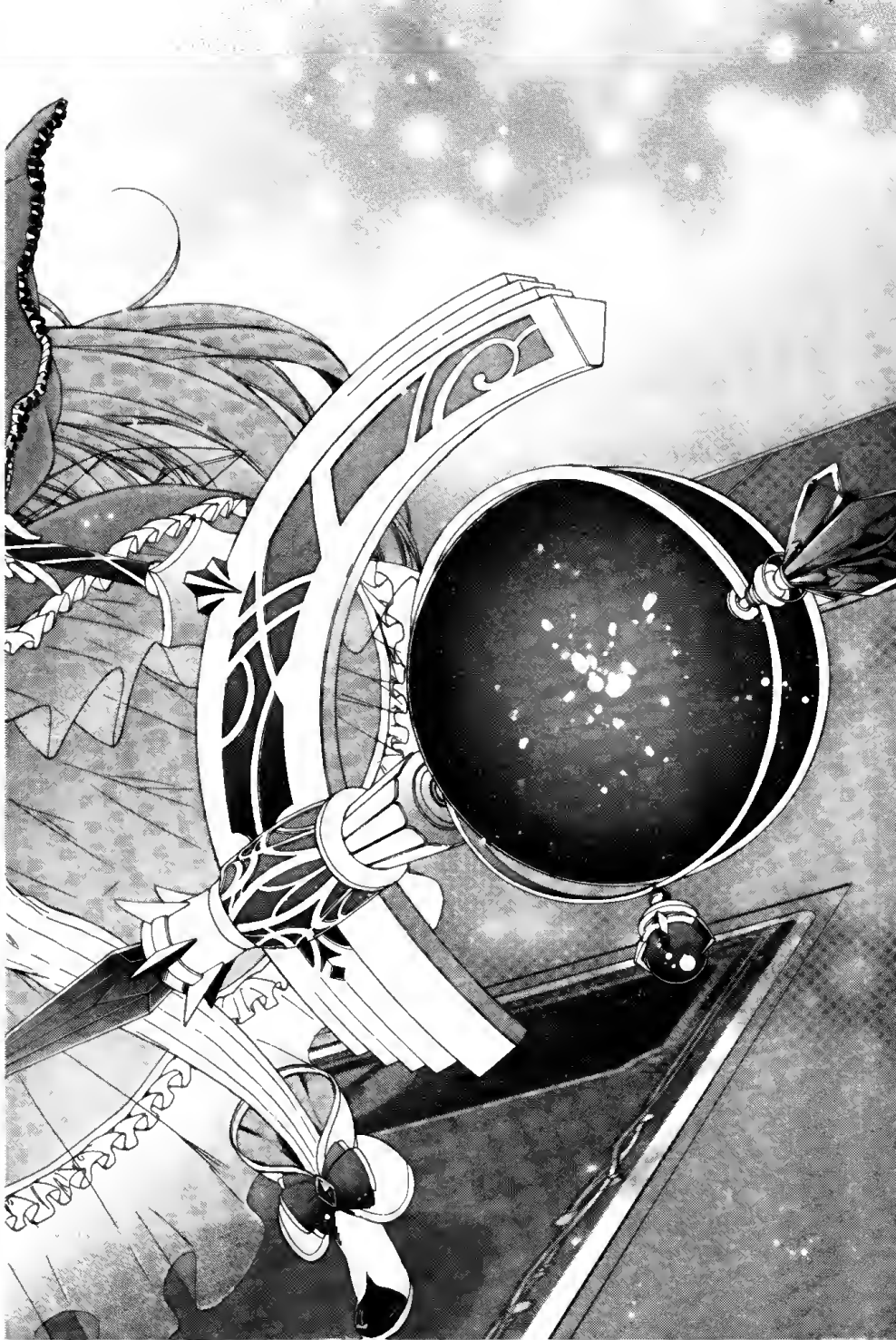
I'M... SUCH A FOOL
EVEN AFTER I BECAME A LRIG... I STAYED THE SAME
I DIDN'T WANT TO BE HURT... SO I LOCKED UP MY HEART
...I WASN'T ABLE TO MAKE THAT CHOICE
BUT I WASN'T ABLE TO TAKE YOUR HAND
AMIKA TAUGHT ME MANY THINGS
BUT THEN...

THAT I NEED TO MAKE A CHOICE..
THAT I NEED TO PUT IT INTO WORDS...
THAT I CAN'T AVERT MY EYES FROM MY TRUE FEELINGS!

LISTEN, SAKAGUCHI
MY SIN WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR...
I HURT YOU, AS WELL AS MANY OTHER GIRLS
I UNDERSTAND THAT I'LL NEVER BE FORGIVEN
BUT RIGHT NOW...

I WANT
TO GRANT AMIKA'S WISH

AMIKA...
DECLARE IT
WHOO
WHOO
WHOO
!
THIS IS WHY I HATE DEALING WITH AMATEURS
PIRULUK, GROW!
LRIGS CAN ONLY GO UP TO LEVEL FOUR!



LEVEL... FIVE?!
IT CAN'T BE...!
BOOM
KYA?!
EH?
EH? EHH?
...DID YOU EVOLVE?
I DID
TO GRANT YOUR WISH

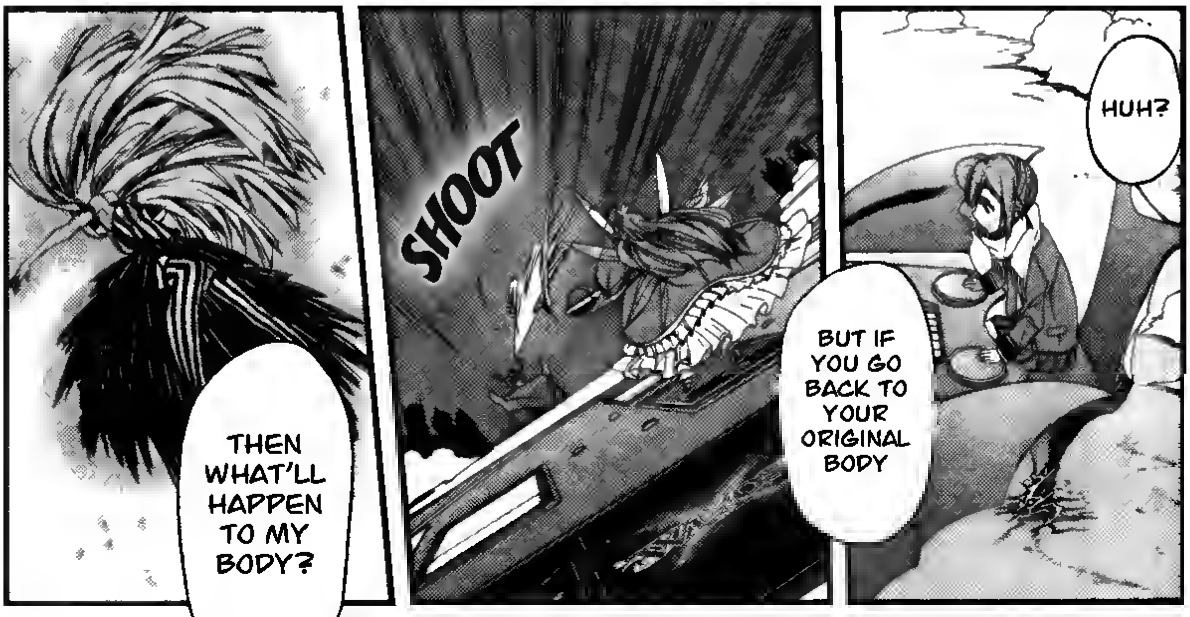
LET'S DO IT!
YEAH
NO WAY!
NO WAY NO WAY NO WAY! NOBODY EVER TOLD ME ABOUT THIS!
BOOM
AH?! HAVE THE FATES BETRAYED ME?!
NOO
THIS NEVER SHOWED UP IN MY FORTUNE...

HEY
KIYOI-CHAN, YOU'RE ABLE TO GRANT A WISH RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?
YES
CAN WE WIN...?
NOD
THEN... COULD I ASK YO A FAVOR?
?

AFTER I BECOME A LRIG... WILL YOU LOOK AFTER MY YOUNGER BROTHERS FOR ME?

YUUKI... HE ACTS LIKE HE'S ALL GROWN UP, BUT HE'S REALLY JUST HIDING HIS LONELINESS, SO STAY BY HIS SIDE
SHOUTA IS A PICKY EATER, SO MAKE SURE HE LEARNS TO EAT HIS VEGETABLES
IF OUR MOM ENDS UP DYING... AND I'M NOT THERE FOR THEM
I'M SURE THEY'D BOTH CRY

AMIKA...


HUH?
BUT IF YOU GO BACK TO YOUR ORIGINAL BODY
SHOOT
THEN WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO MY BODY?

GLOW
EH...
WE'LL WIN WITH THE NEXT ATTACK
AMIKA
HM?
FLOAT
!
...
WHAT'S WRONG?
OKAY
SAY THE OATH AND YOUR WISH WILL BE GRANTED

AMIKA...
WILL YOU TRUST ME ONE MORE TIME?
CLENCH
BEFORE WE SAY IT
OF COURSE!
...THANK YOU
...HUH?

...GOT IT

PEEPING ANALYZE!
SHINE

AND THEN... I END MY TURN!
SILENCE
...?
SCATTER
DID YOU FORGET I'M BLACK?
I DON'T NEED MY HAND... I CAN JUST TAKE CARDS FROM MY TRASH
FLIP
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S TRYING TO PULL... IF SHE THINKS IT'S HER GAME THEN SHE'S GRAVELY MISTAKEN
SHE WASTED HER TURN...?
THAT THOSE WHO BLASPHEME PREDICTION'S... GET PUNISHED!
RISE
MY VICTORY IS ASSURED...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU, PIRULUK-CHAN?
!?
BLACK DECKS HAVE THE SPECIALTY OF TRASH REUSE... IT'S THE MOST BASIC OF BASICS, AMIKA-SAN

NOW
LET'S TURN THIS SITUATION ON ITS HEAD!
MY WISH WILL BE THE ONE GRANTED!
BOOM
ANCIENT RETURN!
GO!
FLUTTER
AU!
KIYO!

WHAT...
I'M SORRY. IN THESE SELECTOR BATTLES...
ALL I'VE DONE IS DECEIVE YOU
BUT...!
I'M FINE...
HOW-EVER...
I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER THIS
I MAY HAVE SAID THAT WIXOSS ISN'T A GAME... BUT THAT WAS A LIE
ONE DAY...
TO-GETHER...
KIYOI!

...
FWISH
YOU WERE IN A POSITION TO WIN... AND YET YOU THREW IT AWAY YOURSELF
MAKING AMIKA-SAN DISAPPEAR MEANS A LOSS FOR YOU, YOU KNOW?
HER WISH WILL BE REVERSED... SO NOW YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO RETURN TO BEING A HUMAN AGAIN... OR SOMETHING? WHAT WERE YO EVEN TRYING TO DO?
WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'S A FITTING END FOR A PERSON WHO BLASPHEMES MY PREDICTIONS
...KI-SHI-SHI

KI-
SHI-
SHI?
I
COULDN'T
HELP BUT
LAUGH
AT HOW
PERFECTLY
MY PLAN
WENT
MY
OWNER
WILL
NEVER
BE ABLE
TO WIN
I AM
"THE
LRIG
WHO
BRINGS
MIS-
FORTUNE"
AS
YOU SAID,
MY POWER
IS USELESS
IN BATTLES
HOW-
EVER...
...WHAT?

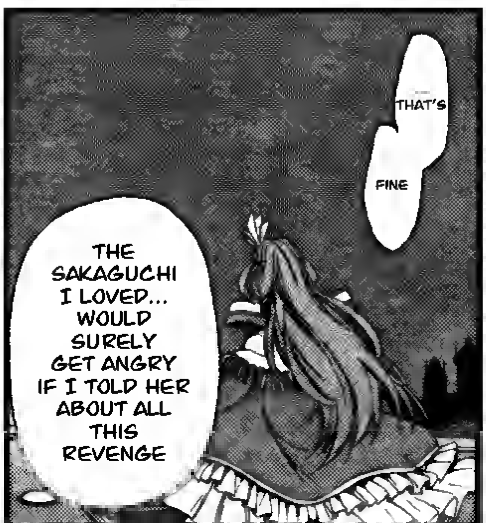
THANKS TO AMIKA... I OBTAINED A NEW POWER AFTER EVOLVING
THE POWER "TO CONTROL THOUGHTS"
WITH MY LAST PEEPING ANALYZE...
I "REWROTE" AMIKA'S WISH
HUH?
THE RULES WILL ONLY ACCEPT WISHES FROM THE HEART
IF YOU TURN THAT AROUND, THEN THAT MEANS THEY WILL ACCEPT OF ANY WISH SO LONG AS IT'S FROM THE HEART

EVEN IF SHE WON, A MIRACLE WON'T HAPPEN
THERE'S A LIMIT TO THE SCALE OF WISHES SELECTOR BATTLES CAN GRANT
IN CONTRAST... THE PENALTY AFTER LOSING IS BOTH MERCILESS AND CERTAIN
IT'S GUARANTEED TO "GRANT" THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF YOUR WISH
I REWROTE AMIKA'S WISH TO BE "LOSING HER MOTHER"
AND THEN AMIKA LOST
...TCH
NOW AMIKA'S WISH WILL BE REVERSED

THE OPPOSITE OF "I WISH TO LOSE MY MOTHER"
"THIS WILL NEVER LOSE HER MOTHER"!

YOU HAD IT.. YOU HELD THE CHANCE OF FINALLY RETURNING TO YOUR HUMAN BODY
DID YOU REALLY JUST MAKE THAT SELECTION?

HA
HA HA HA HA


THAT'S FINE
THE SAKAGUCHI I LOVED... WOULD SURELY GET ANGRY IF I TOLD HER ABOUT ALL THIS REVENGE

I'M GOING TO BECOME SOME OTHER GIRL'S LRIG, AND THEN WE'LL NEVER MEET AGAIN
ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE UP ON GETTING REVENGE FOR SAKAGUCHI?

I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER GRASP ANYTHING... THAT MY WISH WOULD NEVER BE GRANTED
BUT IN THE END I WAS ABLE TO GRANT MY FRIEND'S WISH
HEH
OH WELL... THAT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE. I'LL GRANT MY OWN WISH
I'LL BE OFF TO THE ROOM WITH WHITE WINDOWS FIRST, THOUGH I'LL DOUBT WE'LL EVER MEET AGAIN
UGEH...
THAT LOOK OF SELF-SATISFACTION IS SIIICKENING. IT'S REALLY SICKENING
FAREWELL PIRULUK-CHAN

CRUNCH
RUMBLE
CRACK
CRACKLE
SHATTER

THIS WAS
FOR THE BEST, RIGHT?

...SAKA-
GUCHI
What waits beyond her selection? Next time, the final chapter!!
To be continued